Acooli

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1 Language Information

- Source: Crazzolara (1984)
- Glottlog: http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/acol1236
- ISO-identifier: ach
- Speakers:
- Location: Uganda
- Geneology: Nilotic > Western Nilotic > Luo-Burun > Southern Lwoo > Acoli

2 Nominal Morphology

The noun has two numbers, singular and plural. However, the language tends to reduce the plural number.

3 Verbal Morphology

The verb agrees with its subject in person and number.

4 Conjunction

The coordinators in Acoli are *-gù* (conjoines nouns) 'and', *kì* (= the preposition 'with'), *beène* 'also', *ci* 'but, then'.

(1) ìlwóŋe okwɛèrò? àlwóŋe cí pee okwɛèrò
?
'Did you called him and he refused? I called him, but he did not refuse.' [Crazzolara, 1984, p. 160]

(2) mɨ̃ɨ̃à dyɛɛl àcèèl kì rɔɔ́mɔ́ cí àcɨ́t̪ô dòóŋ
?
'give me a goat and a sheep and I go (satisfied)' [Crazzolara, 1984, p. 161]

5   Disjunction

Disjunction is marked by *kède, kɔɔ̀ne* 'or'.

(3)   ìpfɔ́yɔ́ dyɛ̀l kècè rɔɔ́mɔ́
      ?

    'Do you like, a goat or a sheep?' [Crazzolara, 1984, p. 162]

(4)   àwacò bɛɛ́r kɔɔ̀nè àwacò raàc (màràac)
      ?

    'Have I spoken properly or not?' [Crazzolara, 1984, p. 162]

6   Prepositions

Most of the prepositions in Acoli are actually nouns.

1. *bɔ̀ɔ̀t* 'at, with, to, from'

2. *kà (kaà)* 'at, to, from'

3. *kà ŋeèt* 'to, on '

4. *kì* 'with, together with'

5. *pà* 'of'

6. *mé* 'for'

7. *ì* 'in'

8. *ŋeè* 'behind, after'

9. *ŋeèt* 'beside'

10. *nyiím* 'in front of'

11. *wì (wiì)* 'upon'

12. *t(ɛ)é* 'under, below'

References

Crazzolara, J. P. (1984). *A study of the Acooli language*. London: Oxford University Press.